

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The interview was conducted on April 15, 2009 and attended by Examiner Ilya Treyger, Supervisor Tatyana Zalukaeva, and Applicants' representatives, Sabin Lee and Gregg Koch.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claims 1, 14, 19, and 22 were discussed.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

International Application Publication No. WO 84/01904 ("Swanbeck") was discussed.

Proposed Amendments

No amendments to the existing claim set were discussed.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Swanbeck does not disclose or suggest a heat source configured so that the fluid maintains the wound at an approximately normothermic range, heating the fluid before the fluid enters the dressing to maintain the wound at an approximately normothermic range, a means for supplying thermal energy to the fluid provided to the wound so as to maintain the wound at a temperature between 34 and 40 degrees Celsius, a means for bleeding the fluid flow path to bleed fluid from the recirculation tube, regulating the fluid that flows out of the cover so that a portion of the fluid that flows out of the cover comprising physiologically active components is recirculated back to the cover after being cleansed and a portion of the fluid that flows out of the cover is bled through a bleed mechanism and is provided to a waste reservoir, or a fluid recirculation tube having a bleed valve to bleed fluid from the recirculation tube.

Results of Interview

Supervisor Zalukaeva agreed that Claims 14 and 19 are not anticipated by Swanbeck.